



For Immediate Release: February 8, 2011

For More Information: Sharon Thomas, Chair, Board of Trustees, 716-783-6903
Joy Testa Cinquino, Library System Public Affairs Manager
testaj@buffalolib.org, 858-7182

MEDIA RELEASE: LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING REPORT Search Committee & Officers Announced

The Board of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System released the following report after their monthly board meeting held recently at the downtown Central Library in Lafayette Square.

Director's Search:

A Search Committee was appointed to find a replacement for Library Director Bridget Quinn-Carey, who announced that she will be leaving her post at the expiration of her 3-year contract with the Library System, effective March 4, 2011. The Search Committee will schedule a meeting date with more information forthcoming.

Special Library District: Trustees discussed moving forward with developing a case statement for creating a Special Library District. This would mean a predictable and dedicated source of funding determined through a direct public vote rather than relying on the Erie County government as the primary source of annual library funding. Dialogue has begun with member- library boards and with the Erie County Legislature and New York delegation.

Officer Elections: **Sharon A. Thomas** was re-elected chair for a one year term. Ms. Thomas is chief clerk for Buffalo City Court for the New York State Office of Court Administration. **Jack Connors** was re-elected vice chair for a one year term. Mr. Connors is Publisher and the President of Buffalo Business First and the Buffalo Law Journal. **Rick Lewis** was elected treasurer for a one year term. Mr. Lewis is a publishing industry executive. **Sheldon M. Berlow** was elected secretary for a one year term. Mr. Berlow is Associate Broker of Pyramid Brokerage Co.

Elected members of the executive committee are:

Anne M. Leary, a development consultant; **John G. Schmidt, Jr.**, partner at Phillips Lytle LLP and **Judith K. Summer**, retired educator from the Ken-Ton School District.

Remaining trustees of the Buffalo & Erie County System Board are:

Richard L. Berger; Frank Gist; Phyllis A. Horton; Hormoz Mansouri, Ph.D., P.E.; Albert Michaels, Ph.D.; Elaine M. Panty; Dr. Amy Alvarez-Perez, and Wayne D. Wisbaum.

The next board meeting of the Library System is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Dudley Branch Library, 2010 South Park Avenue in Buffalo. All board meetings are open to the public. For more details, visit www.buffalolib.org.

###